

## CONGRESS MEETS IN SHORT SESSION

### NATIONAL DEFENSE PLANS SCORED

#### WAR SECRETARY SOUNDS DEFENSE WARNING, REPORT

Declares Plans of 1920 Only Partially Nearing Materialization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A warning against "blindly deluding ourselves" on the subject of national defense is sounded by Secretary Davis of the War Department in his annual report.

There has been only partial execution of the plan of defense mapped out in 1920, he said, and even the maintenance of the army on its present basis "requires the appropriation of more funds each year."

"With the exception of a slight restoration of the supply of ammunition at the expense of a reduction in personnel, and the inauguration of the so-called housing program," he continued, "conditions have changed but little since the rendition of my last annual report."

The secretary discussed at great length the peacetime uses of the army, ranging from the running of barge lines to teaching enlisted men professions or trades into which they go on completing their "hitch" in the army. Even the Air Corps came in for treatment from its commercial rather than its combat aspects.

**Civil Side Reviewed**  
Reviewing the civil side of the work of the army engineer corps, Mr. Davis flatfootedly disapproved proposals to transfer these duties out of the army.

"In the long run the present system of administering our rivers and harbors activities is the most economical," he said. "We, in this case, achieve the end so often urged of making our peace time army more fully 'pay its way.'"

As an additional consideration Mr. Davis pointed out that the fact that the army engineers "are officers of the army, whose normal promotion and pay cannot be advanced or retarded by political influences, leaves them unaffected by such considerations in their actions."

In discussing waterway and harbor developments, the War Secretary laid down the principle that new projects should be held in abeyance until completion of those on which large expenditures already have been made. It would take \$225,000,000 and at least five years to round out the principal developments now in progress, he said, "even if it were practicable to make such amounts available." He used as an example the Ohio river development, approximately 85 percent complete, but "capable of only about 15 percent of the service which may be expected from the completed project."

**Inland Waterways**  
Inland waterways now carry about 200,000,000 tons of cargo annually, said the Secretary, at an economic saving of "at least \$150,000,000 a year." He described flood control conditions on many rivers as "chaotic."

The Muscle Shoals power plant was said by the Secretary to be, as a whole, 92 percent complete. He made no suggestion as to its ultimate disposition.

Turning to the Inland Waterways Corporation, he described it as a "temporary expedient," to be continued "only until private capital is prepared to assume this service that is so vital to national development."

**Better Housing**  
Mr. Davis recalled his previous remarks on the necessity of removing army personnel from "dilapidated barracks and quarters of wartime construction."

"Suffice it to say that conditions are, naturally, worse than was the case a year ago," he said.

About \$7,000,000 has become available for building purposes from sale of surplus property, but a total of \$90,000,000 in surplus has either been sold or transferred to other government departments.

"Where property is transferred to another department of the government," he said, "this (housing) construction fund should receive an equivalent transfer credit from the appropriation of that department."

**Puts Foot Down**  
The War Secretary put his foot down on the return to duty of off-

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#### In Romance?



Archduke Albrecht, claimant for the throne of Hungary, was in Rome seeking the hand of Princess Giovanna, of Italy, said reports from Europe.

(International Newswire)

#### NO SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR IN PR. RUP. REGION

Customs Collector McLeod Testifies at Dominion Hearing.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—Late last Saturday afternoon, Customs Collector McLeod, of Prince Rupert, formerly associated with the Customs Department at Dawson, Skagway and Log Cabin, told the Dominion Rum Commission that there was no organized smuggling in his district from Prince Rupert to Alaska, from Prince Rupert south to Bella Coola, or to Queen Charlotte Islands.

Half Way Island as a patrol center out of Prince Rupert was suggested. McLeod was asked about many clearances of liquor at the Consolidated Exports Company to Wales Island. He said he was unable to say whether liquor sent to Wales Island was for shipment to the United States. He declared there was a possibility that all liquor was consumed on Wales Island.

Chairman Brown, of the Commission, said that at the Victoria hearing, liquor headed back to British Columbia. McLeod answered that the nearest American port would be at Ketchikan. McLeod said he did not know whether the Consolidated Exports had a warehouse at Wales Island. Testimony developed that liquor shipments were sent to Seayak, Dundas Island or Pearl Harbor.

#### Acquit 2 Defendants; Disagree Over Four

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The jury in the Morse mail fraud trial was discharged at 1 o'clock yesterday morning after acquitting George W. Burditt and Henry Boughton and disagreeing on the other four defendants.

#### DEATH PENALTY FOR ROBBING OF MAILS IS URGED

#### NEWCOMERS IN CONGRESS; SIX ADDED TO ROLL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Six new names appeared on the roll of the Sixty-Ninth Congress when it convened today, while a seventh, that of Harry B. Hawes of Missouri, will be called in the Senate instead of the House.

Of the newcomers, four take up their duties on Capitol Hill for the first time and two return after an absence of one session.

The four total strangers are: David W. Stewart, elected to the Senate for three months to fill the seat from Iowa left vacant through the death of Albert B. Cummins.

Harry L. Englebright and Albert E. Carter, who fill vacancies caused by death in the California House delegation.

John J. Corcoran who takes the place of Hawes in the Missouri House delegation.

Of the others, David I. Walsh, for many years a familiar figure in the Senate chamber, returns after a brief absence to take the seat of Senator William M. Butler, while former Representative Frederick W. Dallinger takes the place of the late Harry I. Thayer of Massachusetts.

Mr. Hawes replaces George H. Williams as the junior Senator from Missouri.

The political lineup in both houses is changed by the filling of the vacancies. The Democrats gain two votes in the Senate by the addition of Walsh and Hawes who won in the last election the seats Butler and Williams were holding by virtue of appointments. On the other hand, the Republicans gain a vote in the House as Englebright, a Republican, captured the seat from California held by the late John E. Baker, a Democrat.

#### DE LA HUERTA PLANS REVOLT

Looks for Revolution in Mexico—Only Way He Can Return to Country.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 6.—De La Huerta, now here, said: "I am waiting for revolutionists to capture the border points so I can return to Mexico without violating the American laws. There will then be a de facto government in charge of the border points and my entry can be regularly made."

De La Huerta accuses President Calles and his followers of being insincere and rapacious.

"There are 14,000 men in arms against the Mexican Government in Sonora State, and this is only one State," said De La Huerta.

#### Seattle and Portland Murderer Is Same Man

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—Chief of Detectives Charles Tennant declared, after comparing the fingerprints found at the slayings of Mrs. Florence Monks in Seattle, and Mrs. E. Myers in Portland, that he is satisfied the same man killed both women.

#### Queen Marie Arrives At Her Home, Rumania

BUCHAREST, Dec. 6.—Queen Marie returned here late Saturday after having spent 37 days in the United States and two months absence from Rumania.

Michigan townships place a bounty on rats. The tails of the rodents are turned in as evidence.

#### In the News of the Day



RICHARD BARTHELMLESS



MARY HAY



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#### SENATOR WALSH MAKES MOVE IN GOULD ELECTION

Montana Man Interrupts Swearing in of Gould—Short Session Opens.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The short session of the Sixty-Ninth Session of Congress convened here today.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Democrat of Montana, interrupted the swearing in of Senator-elect Gould, of Maine, by asking for an investigation of the \$100,000 the Gould interests are alleged to have paid New Brunswick officials. The matter was postponed for the day on motion of Senators Curtis and Moses.

Senator Royal S. Copeland, Democrat of New York, announced today he will introduce an amendment to the Volstead Act to permit of a higher alcoholic content of beverages.

The President's message will be delivered by messenger tomorrow.

When the annual budget message is read Wednesday, Chairman Madden, of the Appropriations Committee, plans to place the Treasury, Post Office and Supply Bills before the House and seek action before the end of the week. Similar measures for the Interior and Agricultural Departments will follow.

Representative James A. Gallivan, Democrat of Massachusetts, introduced in the House a resolution proposing a National Prohibition referendum.

#### HEAVY AFFAIRS OF NATION NOW FACES CONGRESS

Jam of Legislation Is Promised in Both Houses—Hard Sledding Seen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Congress faces an impossible task at its three months' session beginning today.

Leaders will count themselves lucky if they can get through the temporary tax reduction bill, the rivers and harbors measure and the dozen annual appropriation bills necessary for the conduct of government affairs during the next fiscal year.

Under its stringent rules, the House probably will have little difficulty in continuing its machine gun fire of legislation, but the jam will come under the more deliberate aim which the Senate takes.

Even the supply bills are likely to find the going slow in the Senate as they will be caught in the maw of filibusters now threatened on several subjects. Some of them no doubt will fail if proponents of farm legislation insist on a special session of the Seventieth Congress to consider that vexing question.

**Reduction Proposal**  
With sentiment as to how the taxpayers shall be given the benefit of the treasury surplus already sharply divided, the administration tax credit or reduction proposal will take up much time in both houses and may well be used as a vehicle to delay action on a number of other matters.

The recurring battle over prohibition will be fought on the Senate floor with the usual reverberations in the House. Their force augmented by recent prohibition referendum, the wets have served notice that they will take advantage of every parliamentary situation, rule and procedure to block the administration measure designed to make the Volstead act more drastic.

The administration bill for the leasing of Muscle Shoals will furnish the ammunition for determined fights in both branches of Congress with little prospect at present for final action before the last tap of the gavel at noon on March 4, ending the life of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

**Lausanne Treaty**  
The Lausanne Treaty to reestablish

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#### DEPARTMENT OF NAVY DIRECTED OIL PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Admiral Robison, resuming the witness stand in the oil lease case in which the principals are E. L. Doheny and A. B. Fall, testified today that being convinced "that the first fellow to drill a well would get oil" out of the Elk Hills section, he told former Secretary Denby that the government should have an oil organization on the scene as a "sort of perpetual watch dog" of its interests.

Admiral Robison said the only practicable way to do that was through a leasing policy, suggested by subordinates of the Interior Department.

Leaving Secretary of Navy Willbur to appear tomorrow and present his testimony, attorneys continued questioning Admiral Robison.

Mr. Doheny was back again today in the court room and appears to be in his usual good health.

Admiral Robison was cross examined and reiterated that the Navy Department and not Fall was practically directing oil lease recommendations.

Fall was quoted as saying, "If we don't get this oil out now there won't be any within three months from now," said Admiral Robison.

Asked "and that statement is not true, of course," the witness said: "Of course it is not true."



ONLY 16 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

#### LIMPING FLOCK IN CONGRESS IS DECIDEDLY BIG

"Lame Duck" Senators Number Ten—Nearly Fifty Are Found in House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The short session of Congress, better known as the "lame duck" session, opened today. The limping flock this year includes ten Senators and nearly half a hundred of the House.

Just who is author of the motto phrase is not a matter of official record, but it applies to those members who were defeated in the recent elections and who will not return to Capitol Hill when the Congress elected last November 2, convenes.

Besides those defeated at the polls, a number of Senators and House members who were not candidates for reelection are entering the concluding session of long terms of continuous service. Included in the group is Oscar Underwood of Alabama, for many years an outstanding figure in the Senate chamber, and Representatives Teicher of Kansas, and Voight of Wisconsin, who have taken prominent parts in the affairs of the House.

**Senate "Lame Ducks"**

James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, chairman of the Senate Military Committee, and George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, are members of the "lame duck" flock in the Senate which also gathers under its brooding wing the following:

Ralph H. Cameron of Arizona, Richard P. Ernst of Kentucky, John W. Herrell of Illinois, Rice Maens of Colorado, Robert N. Stanfield of Oregon and O. E. Weller of Maryland.

In the House both the wets and the dries feel the effect of the last broadside of the voters as William D. Upshaw, of Georgia, one of the dry standard bearers for many terms was sent to the "lame duck" group by a primary defeat, while John Philip Hill, of Maryland, the leader of the wets, was unsuccessful in an attempt to capture the Republican Senatorial nomination in his state.

David W. Stewart of Iowa, al-

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#### Bedridden Woman Finds Husband Is a Suicide

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Frank Waddell, aged 50 years, for years bedridden with paralysis, awoke yesterday morning to discover her husband was not at her side. She rolled out of bed into the kitchen where she found his body lying across a table. Waddell, aged 52 years, a flour mill worker, had killed himself.

#### DELEGATE HITS ALASKA POLICY OF GOVERNMENT

Advocates Equitable Distribution of Fisheries by the Government.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—Dan Sutherland, Delegate from Alaska, declared if Alaska and Alaskans were decently treated by the powers at Washington, Americans will people the Territory and contribute to world prosperity and progress. Alaska's possibilities, he added, are greater than Norway, Sweden and Finland combined.

Renewing his attack on the Administration he declared: "The present Government's policy, which under the guidance of the Department of Commerce favors turning over to the 'Salmon Trust' the whole of Alaska's fisheries, would change. It is not wise or fair. Whoever controls the fisheries controls Alaska's future. The government should direct an equitable distribution of property in the fisheries."

Commenting on the recent election in the Territory, the Delegate said: "The canning industry tried to 'can me' but failed because bona fide Alaskans are not salable. He charged they tried to send a delegate to Washington who would be subservient to the trust and that they by a slush fund purchased the newspapers. He further charged the canning industry was a monopoly, blighting Alaska, hindering industrial progress."